

ChildFirst

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*Indiana*

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*A Project of the Indiana Child Advocacy Centers Coalition*



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Finding Words can be difficult for a child victimized by abuse. Conflicting emotions of fear and love for the perpetrator may cause a child to be reluctant to reveal abuse. If a child tries to speak of abuse, he or she may lack the verbal skills to adequately communicate the event to an adult.

Finding Words can be difficult for a police officer, social worker or prosecutor who must speak to a child about abuse. In order to communicate competently with a child, the interviewer must be able to speak in a manner consistent with the child's linguistic and developmental abilities.

Finding Words can be difficult for a child forced to tell a jury about abuse.

Finding Words can be difficult for an investigator or prosecutor forced to defend an interview from an attack by defense counsel that the child was "led" into making a false accusation.

Finding Words Indiana is a course offered by the Indiana Child Advocacy Centers Coalition in collaboration with CornerHouse, a nonprofit interagency child abuse evaluation and training center located in Minneapolis, Minnesota and APRI's National Center for Prosecution of Child Abuse.

Finding Words is an intensive five day course in which students learn the necessary skills to conduct a competent, investigative interview of a child abuse victim using the CornerHouse forensic interview process.

Finding Words is an interactive course which combines lectures with demonstrations and hands-on experience. Students will be required to interview a child about a non-abuse event and be critiqued by an expert forensic interviewer. Students will also conduct a 30 minute interview with an actor/actress playing the role of an abused child and will be critiqued on their performance.

Finding Words Indiana is the ideal course for investigators and prosecutors seeking to enhance their ability to speak to and for abused children.

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### PAYMENT INFORMATION

Registration Fee is \$395.00 if paid before training and \$450 if paid after training

Make Check Payable to ChildFirst Finding Words, Indiana

### CANCELLATION POLICY

All cancellations must be received in writing. The \$75.00 application fee is non-refundable.

Any cancellation received within 14 days of the training will receive a \$320 refund and anything less than fourteen days will not receive a refund for any reason, as tuition is dedicated to the production of this event.





## APPLICATION FORM

Finding Words is limited to 40 students. Please be aware that this is an intensive course. The workshops are supplemented with homework assignments which must be completed each night and each student will be given a written examination at the end of the course. Students who fail to attend all workshops, to complete homework, or to pass the examination will not be awarded a certificate of course completion. Finding Words Indiana supports a multidisciplinary approach to child abuse cases. Therefore, it is recommended to those who apply to attend the training as a multidisciplinary team (MDT). The ideal team consists of a prosecutor, a forensic interviewer, an investigator and/or a Child Protective Services worker. Individual applications will also be taken.

Participants will be notified of their acceptance.

Do you want to attend the:

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Please check the session you will be attending

Please check one: ☐ MDT Member Application (team applications must be mailed together.) ☐ Individual Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Have you applied to attend Finding Words before? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Title \_\_\_\_\_ Office \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

1. Has anyone from your agency attended Finding Words? ☐ Yes ☐ No
2. Have you attended APRI's *Basic Training for Child Abuse Prosecutors and Investigators*? ☐ Yes (location: \_\_\_\_\_) ☐ No
3. Number of years as a Child Abuse Professional: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Experience conducting forensic or therapeutic interviews: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Approximate size of jurisdiction: (check one)  
☐ Less than 20,000 ☐ 20,001 - 50,000 ☐ 50,001 - 100,000 ☐ 100,001 - 250,000 ☐ 250,001 - 500,000 ☐ 500,001 or over
6. Does your jurisdiction have a multidisciplinary team? ☐ Yes ☐ No  
 If yes: A) Are you currently a member of the team? ☐ Yes ☐ No B) How long have you been a member? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Does your jurisdiction have access to a Child Advocacy Center? ☐ Yes ☐ No
8. Why do you want to attend this course? (attach additional sheet if necessary) \_\_\_\_\_

### AMERICAN PROSECUTORS RESEARCH INSTITUTE'S NATIONAL CENTER FOR PROSECUTION OF CHILD ABUSE.

TM Finding Words is a trademark of the American Prosecutor's Research Institute (APRI) established in 1985 by National District Attorney's Association, APRI's National Center for the Prosecution of Child Abuse is a key resource for Prosecutors and Child Abuse Professionals handling criminal child abuse cases. In addition to its own comprehensive training conferences on investigating and prosecuting child abuse cases, abuse-related deaths and child abductions/sexual exploitation, the National Center participates in hundreds of local, state and regional training events and regularly publishes information relevant to prosecutors working in this field. An extensive legal clearinghouse and automated database back up an expert staff who respond to calls from prosecutors and others seeking guidance in preparing cases for court.





*Hurry ... Class size is  
limited so register early.  
Incomplete application  
information will not  
be accepted.*

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#### **National Association to Prevent Sexual Abuse in Children (NAPSAC)**

TM ChildFirst is the forensic interview training program of the National Child Protection Training Center. NCPTC is a training program of NAPSAC. The NCPTC was created in partnership with Winona State University with federal funding through the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. Housed in a state of the art training complex on the campus of Winona State, NCPTC is the only national organization to have developed a concrete, peer reviewed plan to significantly reduce, if not eliminate child abuse in the United States in three generations.

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